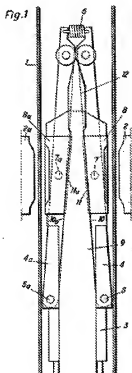


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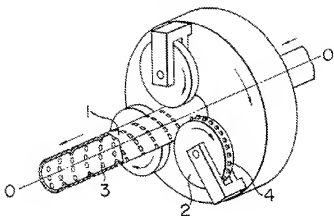
Claims 1-2, 6-8, 10 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Valleins. Valleins does not disclose a method of forming a tube where an entirety of a mold is located outside of a tube. Valleins discloses swagings formed on a tube. A mandrel 3 is inserted into a tube 1 (column 2, lines 48 to 51, and shown below in Figure 1). The mandrel 3 includes dies 8 that are adapted to cooperate with press members 2 and 2a to form swags. The mandrel 3 is located inside, not outside, the tube 1. The claims are novel.



Claims 1-2, 5-14 and 20-21 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al. (US 4715436). Regarding claim 1, Takahashi et al. does not disclose the step of forming an indentation on a tube with the mold and releasing the mold from the tube while the tube is stationary. In Takahashi et al., the tube 1 moves during while the projections 3 are formed. Claim 20 recites that the tube is both axially translated and rotated. Takahashi et al. shows in the embodiment of Figure 1b that the tube 1 is only translated. In the embodiment of Figure 7, the tube rotates (column 5, lines 26 to 35). However, Takahashi et al. does not disclose both axial translation and translation of a tube as claimed. Regarding claim 21, the claim recites the step of axially translating the tube from the first position to a second position relative to the mold, and a

step of rolling the tube occurs during the step of axially translating the tube such that the rollers continually engage the tube during the step of axially translating the tube. In Takahashi et al., the teeth 4 does not continually engage the tube 1, as further shown in Figure 1a, below.

FIG. 1a



Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit any overpayment.

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